



The first celebrated concert will be given in November.

The excursion of the O. P. Morton Post, Grand Army of the Republic left with a large crowd for Norfolk, Va., on last Wednesday evening. Among those who accompanied the Post down were Mrs. James Morgan and sisters, Mr. Austin Ficklin, Mrs. R. H. Key, Messrs. R. H. Key, W. H. Brooker, Geo. H. Boston. The Union League Drum Corp., of 22 men under that popular commander, Major W. T. Holland. The drum corps was in full uniform and Major Holland who always looks out for his men saw that they were well cared for when they got on board. Just before the corps went on the boat Major Holland had several fine selections rendered much to the pleasure and enjoyment of the excursionists.

Mr. Hamilton Turleigh will bring forth the Amateur Glee Club this fall in some new pieces. Director Turleigh will take his place among the high class musical directors this fall and winter.

Prof. J. T. Layton will give several concert this fall and winter. Miss Flora Watson will be here this winter.

MERRY MOMENTS.

In a Company of Artists.—"What is there between laughter and tears?" "The nose," dryly observed Vivier.—Le Figaro.

She—So you wouldn't take me to be twenty. What would you take me for? He—For better or worse.—Philadelphia Record.

Tommy—Pop, what is a popular song? Tommy's father—One that everybody gets sick and tired of hearing.—Philadelphia Record.

"Hullo, Paton! Haven't seen you for three days." "No. Went over to Philadelphia day before yesterday and spent a week."—Life.

Billy, the Goat.—That manuscript I just ate has given me an awful pain. Nanny—Yes, dearest; that's called writer's cramp.—Harper's Bazar.

"How on earth did Smith become a coroner?" "Easy enough. Train was delayed in Georgia and he attended a picnic."—Atlanta Constitution.

Mr. D.—If you get my coat done by Saturday I shall be forever indebted to you. Tailor—If that is the case, it won't be done.—New York Recorder.

Nell—If you really liked a young man, what would you do if some day he should kiss you suddenly, against your will? Belle—He couldn't.—Somerville Journal.

The Tourist—You seem to be proud of your family title. The New York millionaire abroad (proudly)—Of course, I am. I paid for it in good hard dollars.—Chicago Record.

Jingle—Here, you can take back this dog you gave me. Dingle—What's the matter with him? Jingle—He's eaten his tax. I can't afford to get him a new license.—Life.

Mrs. Bellefield—Mrs. Oakland has a great secret. Mrs. Bloomfield—O, no! She can't have! "Why not?" "If she had she would have told it to me."—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

Nodd—Our nurse-girl has just had a terrible fit of sickness. Todd—Yes? What was the matter? Nodd—By mistake she took some medicine she was going to give to the baby.—Judge.

Trivet—Miss Plopp claims to have made 1,000 refusals of marriage. Dicer—That's easily explained. When young Callow asked her to marry him she replied: "No, a thousand times, no!"—Tid-Bits.

Mrs. Hicks—How do you like this little theatre toge? I made it all myself. Hicks—It isn't very big, is it? Mrs. Hicks—No-o; I made it out of an old jet bracelet.—New York World.

"I guess," said the sharp-nosed girl, "that I will take the wind out of her sails." "Why," asked the fluffy girl, "don't you be up to date and say take the wind out of her tires?"—Cincinnati Tribune.

Hurrying Stranger (in squeakawet)—Is there time to catch the train? Languid Native—Waal, stranger, ye've got time enough, I reckon, but I'm dead sure ye hain't got the speed!—Harper's.

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DELEGATE CONTEST.

There seems to be some doubt among the politicians as to who will be the strongest and best man to represent the republican party from this city in the next national convention.

The Bee has printed a list of the gentlemen who have been mentioned as candidates, and as an inducement to make this contest interesting, the Bee will present a fine gold headed cane to the candidate who receives the highest number of coupons. The coupons will be received and counted by the contest editor, and all coupons will be kept and counted in the presence of a committee to consist of one friend from each candidate.

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THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE.

WHO WILL THE NEXT DELEGATES BE? VOTE FOR YOUR CHOICE.

The coming Republican contest for delegates to the next National Republican Convention will be a hot one. Public meetings have been held throughout the city, and it is still undecided who the most popular man is. As a test of each man's strength the Bee will publish the list of the probable candidates, with a coupon attached, which will enable friends of each candidate to vote for his choice.

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| ROBERT H. KEY..... | 100 |
| Col. M. M. PARKER..... | 1 |
| W. H. BROOKER..... | 25 |
| ANDREW GLEASON..... | 150 |
| CHARLES OTLET..... | 0 |
| Col. P. H. CARSON..... | 0 |
| Dr. C. B. PURVIS..... | 5 |
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DR. PARKHURST FOR LOCAL OPTION.

He Announces His Position Upon His Return From Europe.

New York, Sept. 20.—Dr. Parkhurst is home again, in good health, in buoyant spirits, ready and eager and determined to renew the fight against Tammany this fall. The ex-cise situation, the rumors of deals between Tammany and Platt, the stories that some of the reformers have joined the enemy—all these things disturb him but do not affect his bubbling hopes. Also he has joined the ranks of the bicyclists, and proposes to ride every day in knickerbockers.

He came on the Germanic, and as she swung into her dock yesterday the crowd, gathered to greet their friend, gave their first attention to the great reformer.

Dr. Parkhurst said last night to a reporter: "With reference to the ex-cise question, I am prepared to go this far: I believe in referring the whole matter to the arbitration of local judgment; I would like to see it settled by the people. That would simply be in consonance with the principles of home rule. I think in some respects the present law is too severe; in others it may not be sufficiently stringent. I would like to see the people sit in judgment of it. At the same time I would dislike very much to see anything done that would obliterate the distinction which now marks the one day of the week from the six. There are honest men with honest convictions on both sides."

\$1,500 CHECK SENT TO MRS. CUSTER.

It Was Payable to General Custer and Has Been Lost in North Dakota Since 1876.

Bismarck, N. D., Sept. 23.—A check for \$1,500, drawn to the order of General George A. Custer in 1876, has been sent to Mrs. Custer. The check is dated June 25, and signed by B. L. Smith, at that time assistant paymaster of the army. It was on June 25, 1876, that the massacre took place. The check is still unpaid, and soiled and tattered though it be, constitutes a valid claim against the Government for the amount represented upon its face, which was, without doubt, intended as part payment of General Custer's salary as an officer of the United States Army.

Where the check has been all these years no one knows, least of all the Francis, who found it in the street here last February, and who has retained it until now. When Francis picked it up the bit of paper was almost as legible as when it was drawn, but it was heavily creased in it showed that it had been carried in a pocketbook until it had been worn through.

COBLESKILL FAIR TO OPEN TUESDAY.

Albany Music Dealers Among the Exhibitors on the Grounds.

Cobleskill, Sept. 23.—The fair opens to-morrow, with the best field of exhibits that has ever been shown at this place. The association has added sheds for the accommodation of stock and larger interior accommodations for those who have taken space. A new dining hall has also been constructed, which will greatly assist in preventing the crowding of teams and pedestrians upon the track, a stout fence has been built around the east end of the track, completing the circuit.

The Cobleskill fair have enjoyed a wide reputation, and draw tremendous crowds. The attendance this year will extend as far west as Oneonta and Sidney. The work of getting exhibits up to the grounds began this morning. Included among the number are the large musical houses of Albany and Troy, who have displayed here for the past five years. Secretary Bellinger has established his office on the grounds and will issue cards of entry there today and to-morrow.

DE GROSS INQUEST ADJOURNED.

Jury Differs in Opinion as to the Guilt of Martin Glover.

Chatham, Sept. 21.—The coroner's inquest over the murder of James DeGross was adjourned yesterday to September 25. It is understood that the juryman are divided as to their opinion of the guilt of Martin Glover, the man under arrest, three believing him guilty and three thinking him innocent.

Mrs. DeGross declined to be a witness, but the coroner issued a subpoena, and yesterday she was sworn at the examination, but was extremely overcome. The prisoner was represented by J. McDonald, of Hudson. District Attorney McCormick, of Hudson, appeared for the people. No new developments were brought out. It is understood that an expert Pinkerton detective is now attempting to solve the mystery.

WOMAN DROWNED AT WATERTOWN.

Another Woman Leaps into the River to Save Her, but Does Not Succeed.

Watertown, Sept. 21.—While Mrs. George Graveline and Miss Viola Leasure, aged respectively 22 and 25 years, were rowing a flat-bottom boat in the swift current of Black river in this city this morning, an oar broke, and Mrs. Graveline, in her fright, leaped into the water.

Miss Leasure made a desperate attempt to save her companion's life by leaping into the water, but her strength failing, she released her hold, and Mrs. Graveline was drowned. A man named Burke leaped into the river and saved Miss Leasure's life.

CARLOAD OF SPIRITS EXPLODES.

Two Men Injured and a Railroad Car Blown to Atom in Illinois.

Peoria, Ill., Sept. 23.—The Big Four whiskey train to the East met with a serious accident when near Leroy. A car of spirits coupled behind the caboose was discovered to be on fire, and a fast train was made to next tank, where Conductor Joseph Murphy and brakeman John Muldoon made an effort to extinguish the flames.

Suddenly there was a terrific explosion and the car was blown to atoms. The men were hurled some distance from the wreck, both being terribly burned. Muldoon was the more seriously injured, and there is small hope of his recovery. Murphy is also critically hurt.

TROOPS WANTED TO PROTECT A COURT.

Mob Prevents the Trial of a Band of White Caps in Tennessee.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 23.—The Sheriff of Sevier county has called on Governor Turney for troops to aid him in securing a trial of men charged with white-capping while women and driving them from their homes. A trial was attempted to be held before a Justice of the Peace, but a mob prevented it, and the Sheriff was unable to quell the mob.

STATE COMMITTEE ENLARGED.

One Representative From Each Senate District The New Order.

Convention Hall, Syracuse, Sept. 24.—Cool, bracing weather and bright skies greeted the members and boomers of the State Convention when they arose this morning. Nearly everybody was astir early, for the announcement that there would be a meeting of the State Committee at 9 o'clock, at which the New York contest would be decided kept alive the interest in addition to the lively canvass for office being made for the candidates on the State ticket. There was no abatement in activity in this latter direction, and instead of decreasing the number of candidates seemed to increase. Senator Hill's room and the rooms of the State committee seemed to be the mecca and the influence of the leaders was sought by the friends of the candidates to help their quest. All morning emissaries came and went, but no hints of a slate were thrown out and the situation was unchanged, except that Judge Brown, of Orange, set a lively pace for the nomination for Judge of the Court of Appeals. The throngs of delegates and boomers crushed and jammed through the hotel corridors and along the principal thoroughfares, talking ex-cise and candidates.

When it got towards 11 o'clock, those who were to be alternates and spectators began to throng towards the convention hall wisely enough, for the hall will not seat all the vast crowd that is now on the ground. The Alhambra rink presented a picturesque appearance. From the centre of the roof long streamers of red, white and blue stretched to every corner of the big hall and every streamer bore a dozen American flags. On each side of the hall the long lines of bunting are draped extending to each half dozen rafters at the side, back over the big gallery, to the rear, up to the big stage in front. In the centre hung a monster lantern of American flag. Sections of red, white and blue are on each side of the stage and each side of the door at the rear, red, white and blue cover the rail of the gallery in the rear and red, white and blue is hung over the footlights on the stage over the stage an American eagle flaps his wings.

After the 900 delegates and alternates are seated, there is room on the floor of the hall for about 400 visitors. On the stand are seats for 300 more, 150 seats on a side.

State Committee Is Enlarged.

The State Committee has decided to increase its number to fifty, one from each Senate district.

Between 10 and 12 o'clock the principal interest centered about the Yates, where the State Committee was to meet. Senator Hill was ready quite early, but Chairman Hinckley and some of the others were tardy in coming to the convention hall, and the result was that 10 o'clock struck before the committee got together. The session lasted just six minutes by the watch, and the only business transacted was the adoption of a resolution that the committee recommend the increase of the State Committee to fifty members. The usual convention resolutions were adopted and the committee adjourned.

The resolution provides, as detailed by the Associated Press last night, that there shall be one State Committee man from each Senatorial district—fifty in all—instead of thirty-four, as now.

When the result of the committee's meeting was announced in the corridors it was received with general approval.

After the meeting Congressman Bulser was asked if there was any discussion of an ex-cise plank. He said:

"Oh, no; that is practically settled. The plank of last year, in substance, will be adopted, and on the end will be a perfectly plain clause suggesting local option as a referendum. There will be no roasting of New York city officials for enforcing the present law."

This statement was carried to the leaders of the reform element and they expressed dissatisfaction because it was, in their opinion, stringent enough. They will meet this afternoon to consider the matter, and then will present their views to the Committee on Resolutions.

OSCAR WILDE'S DEBTS TO BE PAID.

Friends of the English Convict Raise Money to Satisfy His Creditors.

London, Sept. 24.—In a hearing of the Judge Wilde bankruptcy case to-day, counsel for Mr. Wilde stated that his debts amounted to £2,500, and that there were no assets.

Several friends, it was stated, had subscribed a sufficient sum to pay all the claims against Mr. Wilde except that of the largest creditor, who is a personal friend of the debtor. The examination was adjourned until November 12.

CIVIL SERVICE FOR POSTMASTERS.

Movement on Foot to Place Fourth-Class Offices Under the Law.

Washington, Sept. 24.—Both the Post Office Department and the Civil Service Commission are taking interest in the movement towards putting the fourth-class postmasters under the protection of civil service laws.

While nothing is likely to be done at present, it is probable that before the end of this administration the looked for action will be taken.

PEARY EXPEDITION COMING HOME.

Steamer Kite Sighted Off St. Johns and Signals That Peary is on Board.

St. Johns, N. F., Sept. 21.—Peary's steamer Kite has been sighted off this port. All her flags are flying, indicating that Peary and friends are on board.

Leather Trust Ruins French Industry.

Paris, Sept. 21.—La Justice, in its issue of to-day, says that the manipulation of the leather market by the American syndicate will ruin the stocks of the French tanners within the next six months, ruin the leather industry, and deprive workmen of employment in both government and private factories for more than a year to come.

Waiting the Sale of the Whiskey Trust. Chicago, Sept. 24.—Nelson Morris filed an amended objection to-day in the United States Circuit Court to the order of sale of the Whiskey Trust Distillers. This is a new move to continue the fight against the re-organization committee. The contention will also be argued in the Court of Appeals next month.

Steamers in Collision on the Tyne.

London, Sept. 20.—The steamers Constantine and Trevethick collided to-day at the entrance to the river Tyne. The Constantine was cut to the water's edge and was run ashore to prevent foundering. The crew were rescued by means of life boats.

Injured by an Explosion.

Chicago, Sept. 20.—A disastrous explosion of powder occurred in the Marsh Murphy mine at St. Elmo, twenty-five miles from here, and a special engine came here for doctors. At least four men were injured.

Anarchy in Madagascar.

Marseilles, Sept. 20.—Advices received here from Antananarivo, Madagascar, are to the effect that a condition bordering on anarchy prevails in the district of Imerina, where every one is fighting for power.

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